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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

7 Plaintiff(s), }  
8 vs. } NO. C- SI  
9 Defendant(s). }  
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13 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to Rule 16(b), Federal Rules of  
14 Civil Procedure, and Civil L.R. 16-10, a Case Management Conference will be held  
15 in this case before the Honorable Susan Illston on \_\_\_\_\_ at 2:30  
16 p.m. in Courtroom No. 10, 19th floor Federal Building.  
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18 Plaintiff(s) shall serve copies of this Order at once on all parties to this action,  
19 and on any parties subsequently joined, in accordance with the provisions of  
20 Fed.R.Civ.P. 4 and 5. Following service, plaintiff(s) shall file certificate of service  
21 with the Clerk of this Court.

22 Counsel are directed to confer in advance of the Case Management  
23 Conference. Not less than seven days before the conference, counsel shall file a joint  
24 case management statement in compliance with the Civil Local Rules and the  
25 Standing Order for All Judges of the Northern District of California. Failure to file  
26 a joint statement shall be accompanied by a signed declaration setting forth the  
27 grounds for such failure. Failure to show good cause for such failure may subject  
28 the parties to sanctions.

1           **Each party shall be represented at the Case Management Conference by  
2 counsel prepared to address all of the matters referred to in this Order, and with  
3 authority to enter stipulations and make admissions pursuant to this Order. The  
4 parties are encouraged to attend.**

5           **Any request to reschedule the above dates should be made in writing, and by  
6 stipulation, if possible, not less than ten days before the conference date. Good  
7 cause must be shown.**

8           **At the case management conference the parties should be prepared to address  
9 and resolve the following: setting the date and the estimated length of the trial;  
10 setting the date for discovery cutoff; setting the date to designate experts and other  
11 witnesses; and setting the date for the pretrial conference.**

12           **Standing Orders: All parties shall comply with the Standing Order for All  
13 Judges of the Northern District of California concerning the contents of the joint  
14 case management conference statement and Judge Illston's Standing Order.**

15           **Failure to comply with this Order or the Local Rules of this Court may result  
16 in sanctions. See Fed.R.Civ.P. 16(f), Civil L.R. 1-4.**

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18           **NOTICE TO PRO SE LITIGANTS IN NON-PRISONER ACTIONS:**

19           **If you are proceeding in this lawsuit without an attorney, and have not been  
20 granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, then the following directives apply to  
21 you in the prosecution of your case.**

22           **The court hereby ORDERS you to comply with the service requirements of  
23 Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as set forth below. Failure to follow  
24 the procedures set forth in this order may result, under Rule 4 (m), in dismissal of  
25 your case.**

26           **It is your responsibility to obtain a valid summons from the clerk and to  
27 effect service of the summons and complaint on all defendants in accordance with**

1           **Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. If you have named the United States  
2 government, a federal agency, a federal official or a federal employee as a  
3 defendant, you must comply with the special requirements of Rule 4 (i).**

4           **Service may be effected by any person who is not a party and who is at least  
5 18 years of age, which means that you, as a party, may not effect service. If service  
6 of the summons and complaint is not made upon a defendant within 120 days after  
7 the filing of the complaint, your action will, under Rule 4 (m), be dismissed as to that  
defendant.**

8           **Within 125 days after the filing of the complaint, you must file proof  
9 of service indicating which defendants were served within the 120 days allowed  
10 under Rule 4 (m) and showing, in accordance with Rule 4 (i), how each of those  
11 defendants was served (for example, by attaching appropriate certificates of  
12 service). You must also show cause why a defendant not served within the 120  
13 days allowed under Rule 4 (m) should not be dismissed without prejudice.**

14           **Failure to do these things within the designated time will result in the  
15 dismissal of your case under Rule 4 (m) and Rule 41 (b).**

16           **For additional information on procedures for litigating in Federal Court, pro  
17 se litigants are encouraged to contact the Court's Legal Help Center 415-782-8982  
18 or sign up for an appointment with the Center at 450 Golden Gate Avenue, 15<sup>th</sup>  
19 Floor, Room 2796, San Francisco, CA 94102.**

21           **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

25           **Dated: August 6, 2013**

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**SUSAN ILLSTON**  
United States District Judge

**STANDING ORDER FOR ALL JUDGES  
OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

## **CONTENTS OF JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT**

Commencing July 1, 2011, all judges of the Northern District of California will require identical information in Joint Case Management Statements filed pursuant to Civil Local Rule 16-9. The parties must include the following information in their statement which, except in unusually complex cases, should not exceed ten pages:

1. **Jurisdiction and Service:** The basis for the court's subject matter jurisdiction over plaintiff's claims and defendant's counterclaims, whether any issues exist regarding personal jurisdiction or venue, whether any parties remain to be served, and, if any parties remain to be served, a proposed deadline for service.
  2. **Facts:** A brief chronology of the facts and a statement of the principal factual issues in dispute.
  3. **Legal Issues:** A brief statement, without extended legal argument, of the disputed points of law, including reference to specific statutes and decisions.
  4. **Motions:** All prior and pending motions, their current status, and any anticipated motions.
  5. **Amendment of Pleadings:** The extent to which parties, claims, or defenses are expected to be added or dismissed and a proposed deadline for amending the pleadings.
  6. **Evidence Preservation:** A brief report certifying that the parties have reviewed the Guidelines Relating to the Discovery of Electronically Stored Information ("ESI Guidelines"), and confirming that the parties have met and conferred pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) regarding reasonable and proportionate steps taken to preserve evidence relevant to the issues reasonably evident in this action. *See ESI Guidelines 2.01 and 2.02, and Checklist for ESI Meet and Confer.*
  7. **Disclosures:** Whether there has been full and timely compliance with the initial disclosure requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26, and a description of the disclosures made.
  8. **Discovery:** Discovery taken to date, if any, the scope of anticipated discovery, any proposed limitations or modifications of the discovery rules, a brief report on whether the parties have considered entering into a stipulated e-discovery order, a proposed discovery plan pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f), and any identified discovery disputes.
  9. **Class Actions:** If a class action, a proposal for how and when the class will be certified.

10. Related Cases: Any related cases or proceedings pending before another  
judge of this court, or before another court or administrative body.
11. Relief: All relief sought through complaint or counterclaim, including the  
amount of any damages sought and a description of the bases on which  
damages are calculated. In addition, any party from whom damages are  
sought must describe the bases on which it contends damages should be  
calculated if liability is established.
12. Settlement and ADR: Prospects for settlement, ADR efforts to date, and a  
specific ADR plan for the case, including compliance with ADR L.R. 3-5 and  
a description of key discovery or motions necessary to position the parties to  
negotiate a resolution.
13. Consent to Magistrate Judge For All Purposes: Whether all parties will  
consent to have a magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings  
including trial and entry of judgment.    Yes    No
14. Other References: Whether the case is suitable for reference to binding  
arbitration, a special master, or the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation.
15. Narrowing of Issues: Issues that can be narrowed by agreement or by  
motion, suggestions to expedite the presentation of evidence at trial  
(e.g., through summaries or stipulated facts), and any request to  
bifurcate issues, claims, or defenses.
16. Expedited Trial Procedure: Whether this is the type of case that can be  
handled under the Expedited Trial Procedure of General Order No. 64  
Attachment A. If all parties agree, they shall instead of this Statement, file an  
executed Agreement for Expedited Trial and a Joint Expedited Case  
Management Statement, in accordance with General Order No. 64  
Attachments B and D.
17. Scheduling: Proposed dates for designation of experts, discovery cutoff,  
hearing of dispositive motions, pretrial conference and trial.
18. Trial: Whether the case will be tried to a jury or to the court and the  
expected length of the trial.
19. Disclosure of Non-party Interested Entities or Persons: Whether each party  
has filed the "Certification of Interested Entities or Persons" required by  
Civil Local Rule 3-16. In addition, each party must restate in the case  
management statement the contents of its certification by identifying any  
persons, firms, partnerships, corporations (including parent corporations) or  
other entities known by the party to have either: (i) a financial interest in the  
subject matter in controversy or in a party to the proceeding; or (ii) any  
other kind of interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of  
the proceeding.
20. Such other matters as may facilitate the just, speedy and inexpensive  
disposition of this matter.

**United States District Court**  
For the Northern District of California

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## JUDGE ILLSTON'S STANDING ORDER

## 1. Scheduling Days:

Civil Law and Motion Calendar is conducted on Fridays at 9:00 a.m.

Criminal Law and Motion Calendar is conducted on Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Civil Case Management Conferences are generally conducted on Fridays at 2:30 p.m. with the order of call determined by the Court.

Pretrial Conferences are generally conducted on Tuesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m.

Counsel need not reserve motion hearing dates, but may call the clerk to obtain the next available law and motion calendar. Motions may be reset as the Court's calendar requires.

All parties are directed to comply with the Civil Local Rules except as identified in this Order.

## **2. Discovery Disputes:**

The parties shall meet and confer in person, or, if counsel are located outside the Bay Area, by telephone, to attempt to resolve their dispute informally. A mere exchange of letters, e-mails, telephone calls, or facsimile transmissions does not satisfy the requirement to meet and confer.

If, after a good faith effort, the parties have not resolved their dispute, they shall prepare a concise joint statement of 5 pages or less, stating the nature and status of their dispute. Absent an order of this Court, parties shall not file affidavits or exhibits, other than copies of the written requests for discovery and the answers or objections thereto.

If a joint statement is not possible, each side may submit a brief individual statement of 2 pages or less. The joint statement or individual statements shall be filed or e-filed, if in an e-filing case, and courtesy copies submitted as provided by the Civil Local Rules.

The Court will advise the parties regarding the need, if any, for more formal briefing or a hearing, pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7-1(b).

### **3. Sealed Documents:**

This Court does not require the filing of Administrative Motions to seal (Civil L.R. 7-11). The Court will accept stipulations (Civ. L.R. 7-12) with proposed orders in lieu of the administrative motion. Any stipulation must be supported by a declaration demonstrating good cause or compelling reasons justifying the proposed sealing.

**4. Courtesy Copies:**

All courtesy copies must be three-hole punched at the left margin. All courtesy copies must bear the ECF stamp (case number, document number, date and page number) on the top of each page.

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1 || 5. Summary Judgment Motions:

2 Parties are limited to filing one motion for summary judgment. Any party wishing to exceed this limit must request leave of Court.

4 | IT IS SO ORDERED

Dated: 10/15/13

Susan Blston

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**SUSAN ILLSTON**  
United States District Judge